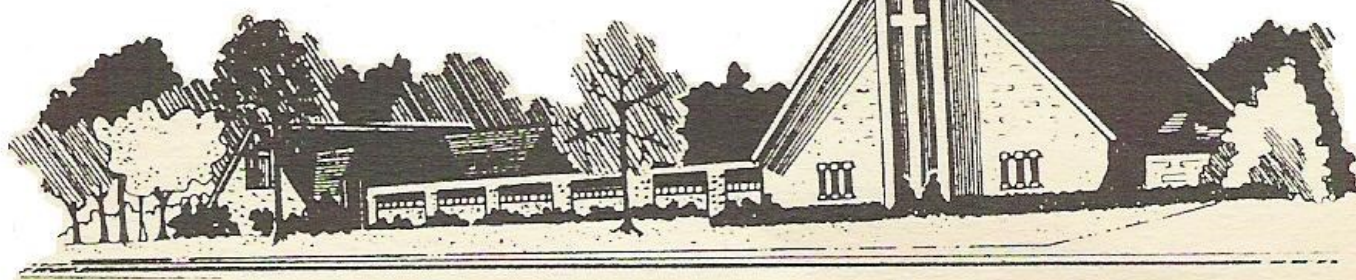
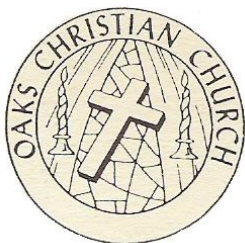


OAKS NOTES



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.



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A Note from Pastor Don



Note from Pastor Don

Over the past year, Linda and I have really enjoyed our new home. One of my favorite things about it is the backyard. We have a "fantastic" patio! And for Father's Day, Linda and Kelsey bought me this great metal table with a large umbrella, which only compliments the grill. The yard is perfect! Not too big, but totally surrounded by beautiful flowers and plants that make you feel like you're on a retreat at a fancy botanical garden. It's the perfect place where I can sit, read, pray, and dream.

However, for those of you who've been out of the country, here's a quick update: this past winter has been "brutal." One of the coldest Houston has ever seen, with more hard freezes than I can even count. And since I'm such an expert on plants (I think I actually killed the artificial ivy in our bathroom), I have a hard time taking

care of all the foliage and large leafed plants with bright flowers. It seems they had to endure one freeze too many, because several of them died. Those beautiful green plants with so many different colored flowers are all now just brown and dry. Where I used to sit at my table and dream, I still sit... but it can be rather depressing.

But today, I was talking with my next door neighbor. He was telling me how the woman who lived in this house before us was some kind of Master Gardner. She put in plants and gardens for homes and businesses all over the area. My neighbor told me how when she moved into the house where we live now, she pulled up almost all the old plants and put in new ones - ones that were much tougher and could survive even the harshest of winters.

After we learned that, we began to look a little closer at some of those dead plants, and you could see little pieces of green right next (See "PASTOR," PG. 2)

PASTOR DON: A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

(CONT. FROM PG. 1) to the ground. They were coming back! They were actually alive! There was hope!

So many times in life, our hopes and dreams take a beating. Often, they just seem dead and gone. But if those dreams have been planted in our hearts by the Master Himself, they'll be back. We need to be patient, for we may not see any signs of life for a while. And we may have to look really closely to see those signs. But they will come.

It's just like Jesus Himself; people thought He was dead, too! Gone forever. The hope, the beauty, and the comfort He brought to so many was nailed to a cross. But the Master above had a bigger plan. Jesus would rise again and give hope to the entire world! Enjoy your Easter and the Hope He brings.

See ya Sunday

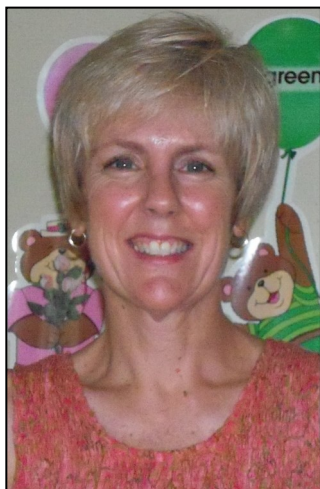
Pastor Don



Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Sunrise Service	8:30 AM Breakfast	9:30 AM Sunday School	10:45 AM Worship
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DAY SCHOOL FINDS NEW HOME AT OAKS CHRISTIAN



**PACE Director
Terri Corbitt**

Starting June 2, the Oaks Christian Church campus will be full of young children as Premier Academic Childhood Education (PACE) Preparatory Academy opens its doors for their first summer session at a new location.

The school, formerly known as Hope Episcopal Day School, has been with Hope Episcopal Church for more than 60 years. How-

ever, due to a need for newer facilities, as well as a student population growth independent from the Episcopal faith, it was decided the school would close at the end of the 2014 Spring Semester.

PACE Director and Preschool Teacher, Terri Corbitt said she didn't want that to simply be the end of the program they had been building for the past 60 years.

"We worked really hard to establish our reputation there," Corbitt said. "We got generations of families coming to our school, and they really love it."

The day after the closure was announced, Corbitt was approached by Kris Blackman, a parent at PACE who also works with Boy Scout Troop 879 that meets at Oaks on Friday nights. He told Corbitt about the possibilities Oaks could have for their school.

Corbitt was happy to hear the news.

Soon after, she and her crew came to look at the facilities and talk with board members at Oaks. Corbitt said she liked what she saw, from the classrooms in the nursery to the side-walks that surround the playground.

Corbitt said their preschool had a tight-knit neighborhood feel to it when they were at Hope Episcopal, and as she walked through Oaks, she sensed a similar environment.

"When we came here, we got very excited," Corbitt said, "cause we got the same kind of feel from the set-up here that we had (at Hope): protected and cozy."

At the end of March, a contract between PACE and Oaks was finalized and signed. The school's summer sessions will begin June 2, and the regular school year will begin in August.

Oaks Pastor Don Joseph said he is thrilled to open the doors to Corbitt and the PACE team.

"I could not be more excited," Joseph said. "They are a quality group of people with a quality program."

Even though Oaks offers facilities more updated than PACE's previous location, Corbitt said they will still need to make some renovations in the nursery buildings to better fit their needs as an independent school.



Corbitt said PACE loves to celebrate holidays and events throughout the year. Here is a class celebrating Thanksgiving.

DAY SCHOOL FINDS NEW HOME AT OAKS CHRISTIAN CONT.

All renovations were preapproved by the Oaks church board, and will be paid for by PACE. They include sanding and painting the doors, improving the playground area and equipment, performing numerous electrical upgrades, installing fire alarms in the classrooms, and inserting sliding walls to provide more room division.

PACE's goal is to complete these projects by June 1, before the summer session starts. It will be difficult, but Corbitt said she is willing to put in the time and money, because she truly believes the Oak Forest area has a lot of potential for growth in the future.

"I think that the Heights has gotten out of a lot of people's price range, so they're moving here, which is the next closest in place," Corbitt said. "So you've got all these young families coming in here."

With PACE now sharing their campus, Joseph said Oaks is excited for the opportunity to reach out more to the community as the area continues to grow.

"God always knows what we need and knows what's best," Joseph said. "And that is so obvious in the way He brought this school to us. And I actually believe that's true for both of us (PACE and Oaks). I'm looking forward to a great future."



Two girls at PACE pretending to be "princesses."



A class at PACE playing with their dinosaurs.

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CWF @ 10 am; Bible Study @ 6:15 pm; Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm	2 Handbell Choir @ 6 pm; Chancel Choir @ 7 pm	3	4 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	5
6 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am	7	8 Prayer Circle @ 9:30 am; CWF @ 10 am; Bible Study @ 6:15; Girl Scouts @ 6:30	9 Handbell Choir @ 6 pm; Chancel Choir @ 7 pm	10	11 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	12 Church Work Day 9 am - 12 pm (Lunch will be provided)
Sun. School @ 9:30; Worship @ 10:45; Salad Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt after Worship	14	15 CWF @ 10 am; Bible Study @ 6:15 pm; Girl Scouts Mother/Daughter Tea Party @ 6:30 pm	16 Handbell Choir @ 6 pm; Chancel Choir @ 7 pm	17	18 Oaks Presb. Church Community Good Friday Service @ 12 pm; Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Special Service @ 4pm - 9 pm	19
20 EASTER Sunrise Service @ 8:00 am; Breakfast @ 8:30; Sun. School @ 9:30; Worship @ 10:45	21	22 CWF @ 10 am; Bible Study @ 6:15 pm; Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm	23 Handbell Choir @ 6 pm; Chancel Choir @ 7 pm	24	25 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	26 FREE Community Lunch @ 12-2 pm
27 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am	28	29 CWF @ 10 am; Bible Study @ 6:15 pm; Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm	30 Handbell Choir @ 6 pm; Chancel Choir @ 7 pm			

Happy April Birthdays!

4/10 Jennifer Salinas
4/11 Roy King
4/17 Katelyn Clawson
4/18 Zachary Smith
4/26 Ruth Conover
& Kelly Saldivar
4/29 Rosanne Henderson

Happy Anniversary!

4/15 Jeff and Patti Swink



LET US KNOW!

If there are events, meetings, or stories you would like to see in the March newsletter, please let us know!

E-mail the church secretary, Holly Leger, at oakscchouston@aol.com. Please send in all information before

Monday, April 21, 2014!

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account '13	2013 DECEMBER	2014 JANUARY	2014 FEBRUARY
Deposits	\$9,597.30	\$9,293.37	\$8,589.16
Disbursements	\$9,396.12	\$(10,908.44)	\$(9,730.42)
Difference	\$201.18	\$(1,615.07)	\$(1,141.26)

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SIGNING DAY FOR OAKS & PACE

